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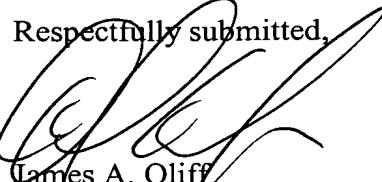
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- 4. An English language Abstract of one or more non-English language reference is attached. See Reference 2.
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- 6. Japanese Application Publication Nos. JP-A-2002-304102 and JP-A-09-218608 cited in the Foreign Office Action were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed July 27, 2006.
- 7. U.S. Patent No. 5,669,039 is the English-language counterpart of Japanese Application Publication No. JP-A-06-149103 cited in the Foreign Office Action.

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